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Bill Title: Relating to veterans; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Criminal Justice Commission, Department of Administrative Services, Office of the Governor, Counties, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Judicial Department, Legislative Fiscal Office

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure establishes a legislative goal to fund the Department of Veterans' Affairs at \$10 million General Fund, as measured in 2015 and adjusted for inflation calculated by the Legislative Fiscal Office. The measure also establishes 12 additional full-time positions at the department over three biennia beginning in 2029-31; establishes a Veterans Employment Coordinator position; authorizes the department to hire a deputy director; directs the department to develop and implement a veteran suicide prevention grant program; and prevents the Veterans' Services Fund from holding a reserve of more than 12%. Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program grants awards are increased from a maximum of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the next committee.

Further Analysis Required